MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) The answer is in the negative.

(2) Instructions have already been issued to give due representation to all classes not adequately represented, consistent with qualification and efficiency.

Appointment of Non-Hindus and Non-caste Hindus as Heads of certain Departments.

101. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to appoint only non-Hindus and non-caste Hindus as heads of those departments in which those communities are inadequately represented, till they are adequately represented in those departments?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government do not consider it feasible to do so.

Statement, by Castes, of Appointments in the Secretariat.

102. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table:

(*a*) a statement, by castes, of those who are holding permanent and acting appointments in the Secretariat; and

(*b*) a statement showing the appointments, permanent as well as acting, made in the Secretariat during the last three years (1098-1100)?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The statements * asked for are laid on the table.

Keeping Firearms wihout License by People living in hilly Tracts.

103 **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to give immediate effect, in the interests of the people, to the resolution passed at a previous session of the Legislative Council that people living in hilly tracts subject to the inroads of wild animals may be permitted to use firearms without license?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member is referred to the answer given to part (*e*) of interpellation No. 252, published at page 789 of Volume VIII of the Council Proceedings.

Appointment of Elected Members of Representative Bodies in Public Service.

104. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to rule definitely that they will not give any appointments to the elected members of the representative institutions until the expiry of their period of representation?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The question raises an important issue and might appropriately form the subject of a resolution.

**Vide* Appendices I A and I B—page 326 and 327.

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